(c) Computerised reservation facility at Sivaganga, Manamadurai and Paramakudi is likely to be opened in the current financial year.

Recycling of Scrap Steel

* 557. SHRI C. P. THIRUNAVUKKARASU: Will the Minister of STEEL be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are planing to set-up a new autonomous body to promote recycling of scrap steel, particularly those generated from ship-breaking;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether Government have drawn guidelines for ensuring quality standard from recycling industry; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF STEEL (SHRI BRAJ KISHORE TRIPATHY): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Do not arise.

(c) and (d) Government have not drawn any guidelines on quality standard. However. Bureau of Indian Standard has published a Standard (IS 2549: 1994) Code for classification of processed ferrous scrap which includes re-rollable steel scrap, used and salvaged including breaking of old ships suitable for re-rolling.

Shortage of Flat Cars

* 558. SHRI LAJPAT RAI : Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Railways were found wanting in providing flat cars to the Army for transporting heavy tanks and guns to the borders in the recent past;

(b) Whether it was on account of shortage of flat cars with the Railways or there were some other reasons for this;

(c) whether this shortage has been made good; and

(d) if so, what are the other details in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI NITISH KUMAR): (a) No, Sir.

(b) to (d) Do not arise.

BIFR time-frame for IISCO's rehabilitation

* 559. SHRI DIPANKAR MUKHERJEE : Will the Minister of STEEL be pleased to state:

(a) whether BIFR, in its last hearing on 1st April,1 2002, has given time to Government up to 30th June, 2002, to submit a tied up rehabilitation scheme for revival of IISCO, failing which BIFR would order winding up to IISCO, without any further hearing; and

(b) 'if so, the action being taken by Government to adhere to the above time-frame?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF STEEL (SHRI BRAJ KISHORE TRIPATHY): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) A proposal for rehabilitation of Indian Iron and Steel Company (IISCO) is under consideration of Government.

Technology Mission for Horticulture in NER

* 560. DR. ARUN KUMAR SARMA:
SHRI RISHANG KEISHING :

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) the total allocation of funds for Technology Mission on Integrated Development of Horticulrure in NER, State-wise;

(b) the nature and the objects of the Technology Mission, and the detailed plan of action for its implementation; and

(c) the target set and the achievements made, year-wise, and the beneficiaries identified, since beginning of the mission?

THE MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI AJIT SINGH): (a) the Centrally Sponsored Scheme on Technology Mission on Integrated Develop-ment of Horticulture in North-Eastern States including Sikkim was approved for implementation on 27th February, 2001 with the provision of Rs. 229.38 crores during 9th Five Year Plan. For implementing the programmes of the Mission, States are required to prepare, as per approved norms of the scheme, an action plan based on which funds are made available to them on year to year basis.